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Dear Joshua:

I have ransacked my files, but it appears to be true that if I ever kept some of the old material, I didn't keep it very long. All I find is some chronology, as represented by a few letters, none of which bear at all on Ed Tatum's role. What is no longer clear to me (as I thought it was) is that Ed was in a purely caretaker role at that time, before he left for Rockefeller.

January 1956: Vernon Lippard, Dean Clark, and Joseph Hinsey had been a consultant committee to President Sterling, and had visited Stanford, re several questions concerning the new med school. I had written the three of them, immediately on their departure, asking their help in particularly stressing to Sterling the importance of a strong and well funded Department of Biochemistry.

Some time in the next months, Ed Tatum must have been given the Biochemistry assignment. Sep 24, 1956: Copy of letter from me to van Niel, saying since Ed Tatum is leaving, there has to be a search for a chairman of Biochemistry. We need to be sure of good people on the search committee. Please agree to serve when you are asked.

Dec. 26, 1956: AG to Provost Terman, stressing need for outstanding chairman of Biochemistry, asking him please bring name of Kornberg (also Horecker) to search committee.

Jan. 21, 1957: Dean Cutting resigns.

Jan. 28, 1957: AG to Joshua Lederberg, saying things should move forward now, don't go to Berkeley, Kornberg may be coming.

All of which is not very helpful to you, and not even what you wanted. Please return the letters.

Sorry.

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